

Application No. 10/750,860

9. (original) The article according to claim 7, wherein said locking members comprise plate-like elements secured to said first and second attachment members with mechanical fasteners.

10. (original) The article according to claim 9, wherein said locking members comprise at least one lug extending generally perpendicularly from said plate-like elements, around which at least one stopper is engaged.

11. (original) The article according to claim 1, wherein said flexure assembly comprises a boot placed at least partially around inner portions of said first and second attachment members, said boot being connected to said first and second attachment members.

12. (original) The article according to claim 11, wherein said boot is elastomeric.

13. (original) The article according to claim 1, wherein said flexure assembly is adapted to flex omnidirectionally.

14. (original) The article according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of pedicle screws attached to or integrally formed with said spinal prosthesis.

15. (original) The article according to claim 14, wherein said pedicle screws comprise polyaxial pedicle screws having a threaded shank and a polyaxial swivel head.

16. (original) The article according to claim 15, wherein said threaded shank is attached to or integrally formed with said spinal prosthesis.

17. (original) The article according to claim 15, wherein said polyaxial swivel head is attached to or integrally formed with said spinal prosthesis.

18. (withdrawn and canceled)

19. (original) The article according to claim 1, wherein said flexure assembly comprises a multi-part articulating assembly, including a first joint member that has a convex contour that articulates with a second joint member that has a concave contour that corresponds to and glides over the convex contour of the first joint member, said first and second joint members being attached to or integrally part of said attachment members.

20. (original) The article according to claim 19, further comprising a stopper that limits the flexure of said flexure assembly and limits relative movement of the attachment members with respect to one another.